

The Sinclair Broadcast Group's plan to preempt scheduled programming in order to air a partisan smear against Senator Kerry is a shameless attempt to circumvent campaign finance rules. If they want to air the program they should be honest and above board about it and not try to pass it off as news. If they want to contribute to a political campaign they should do so openly and not in this underhanded way.

Further, there is the issue of the autonomy of local television stations, which SBG appears to want to eliminate. If this happens the United States will be one giant step closer to becoming a corporatist state where opinion is manufactured and handed down from on high instead of rising up from the minds and will of the citizenry. This must not be allowed to happen for if it does our democracy will be diminished and the republic will be that much closer to an outright take-over by the corporatist elite.